

In the Claims:

Please **cancel** claim 12.

Please **amend** claims 10, 14, 16 and 20 as follows:

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a/ 10. (Amended) A tone signal generation system comprising:
an operation terminal that is capable of being carried by a human operator and has a predetermined portion made of an elastically-deformable material, said operation terminal including a sensor positioned within the predetermined portion for detecting an amount of displacement, caused by deformation, of the predetermined portion, said operation terminal transmitting displacement amount information indicative of the amount of displacement detected via the sensor; and
a tone signal generation apparatus that receives the displacement amount information transmitted from said operation terminal and generates a tone signal on the basis of the received displacement amount information.

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a/ 14. (Amended) A tone signal generation apparatus capable of being carried by a human operator, said tone signal generation apparatus comprising:
a detection section that has a predetermined portion made of an elastically-deformable material and a sensor positioned within the predetermined portion for detecting an amount of displacement, caused by deformation, of the predetermined portion; and
a tone signal generation section that generates a tone signal on the basis of displacement amount information indicative of the amount of displacement detected by said detection section.

16. (Amended) A method of generating a tone signal corresponding to a motion of a human operator carrying an operation terminal, said method comprising:

a detection step of detecting an amount of displacement, caused by deformation, of a predetermined portion, made of an elastically-deformable material, of said operation terminal; and

a tone signal generation step of generating a tone signal on the basis of the received information indicative of the amount of displacement detected by said detection step.

20. (Amended) A machine-readable storage medium containing a group of instructions to cause said machine to perform a method of generating a tone signal corresponding to a motion of a human operator carrying an operation terminal, said method comprising:

a detection step of detecting an amount of displacement, caused by deformation, of a predetermined portion, made of an elastically-deformable material, of said operation terminal; and

a tone signal generation step of generating a tone signal on the basis of the received information indicative of the amount of displacement detected by said detection step.

Please **add** new claims 21-24 as follows:

21. (New) A tone signal generation system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said tone signal generation apparatus detects a shape of the movement trajectory and generates a tone signal on the basis of the detected shape of the movement trajectory.

22. (New) A tone signal generation system as claimed in claim 11 wherein said tone signal generation apparatus, in accordance with the displacement amount information received from said operation terminal, refers to a tone signal table having stored therein various displacement amount values to be indicated by pieces of displacement amount information and pieces of tone waveform information in association with each other, so as to read out one of the pieces of tone waveform information corresponding to the detected amount of displacement indicated by the received displacement amount information, said tone signal generation apparatus generating the tone signal on the basis of the read-out tone waveform information.

23. (New) A tone signal generation system as claimed in claim 22 wherein a plurality of the tone signal tables are prepared in advance for individual ones of different floor surface materials, and any one of the tone signal tables is selectable by the human operator.

24. (New) A tone signal generation system comprising:

an operation terminal that is capable of being carried by a human operator and has a predetermined portion, said operation terminal detecting an amount of displacement of the predetermined portion caused by hitting a predetermined object with said operation terminal, said operation terminal transmitting displacement amount information indicative of the detected amount of displacement; and

a tone signal generation apparatus that receives, from said operation terminal, the displacement amount information indicative of the detected amount of displacement and generates a tone signal on the basis of the received displacement amount information.